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SURPRISE: A cheeky chimp goes ape for the tasty Valentine's Day treats at Whipsnade Zoo

Love is in the air for zoo's chimps

KEEPERS at Whipsnade Zoo proved that Valentine's Day isn't just for humans this week, when they surprised their chimpanzees with special treats.

The six primates wasted no time in delving inside the heart-shaped hampers to reach the good food inside.

Keeper Jane Storr said: "Chimps are curious by nature and they had to work hard to get to their food by delving into the hearts to investigate their treats."

■ To see more pictures of the zoo's chimps turn to pages 16 and 17.

Grandfather is jailed over arson attack

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A GRANDFATHER who set fire to a house where he knew his own granddaughter was asleep has been jailed for 10 years.

Krzysztof Jurczykowski, 55, of Newcombe Road, Luton, lit the fire, angry that the child had been removed from the care of his daughter, and was living with her ex-partner who was the child's father.

In the early hours of May 20 last year, Jurczykowski crept up to the front door of the property in Vanbrugh Drive, Houghton Regis, and started the fire by setting alight the front door using a flammable liquid.

It was 2am and inside the little girl and her dad were sleeping.

Luton Crown Court heard as the flames took hold the father luckily woke up, and realising the danger, was able to grab the little girl and get out of the house. In doing so, the dad had to run through flames with the child to make their escape.

Jurczykowski appeared at court for sentence after being found guilty in October at a trial of arson with intent to endanger life. Passing sentence, Judge David Farrell QC told the 55-year-old he had shown no remorse for what he'd done.

BEHIND BARS: Jurczykowski was sentenced at Luton Crown Court

He said: "It was a crime committed by you because you were enraged by the fact that your daughter's ex-partner had custody of the little girl. Your daughter had custody taken from her because of problems she suffered."

He went on: "It's a disturbing aspect of the case that such was your rage that you were prepared to put your granddaughter's life at risk."

The court heard that the door Jurczykowski set fire to opened onto the living room with a staircase leading upstairs to the bedrooms, where the father and daughter were asleep.

Robert Forest prosecuting said that, because of the blaze, the father and his daughter had lost all their belongings. They were put up in a hotel and even now were unable to return to their home.

The court heard that both the little girl and her dad still have difficulty sleeping because of what happened that night.

But police were quickly able to arrest Jurczykowski following the fire. His movements had been caught on CCTV installed at a neighbouring house and also because he was spotted by a student who had been passing by at the time of the fire.

The student was later able to identify Jurczykowski to the police. Judge Farrell ordered that the student should receive an award of £250 from public funds.

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Gove makes pledge on Barnfield inquiry reports

BY CARL MUNGAZI
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ALL the reports into the government inquiry at the Barnfield Federation will be published, the Education Secretary Michael Gove has pledged.

Mr Gove gave his assurances after being asked about the enquiry in the House of Commons by Luton South MP Gavin Shuker on Monday.

In October last year the Department for Education (DfE) and the Skills Funding Agency announced a joint-investigation into Barnfield.

A spokesman for the DfE said it had 'received allegations' made against Barnfield College and the Federation which were being taken 'seriously'.

During a question time session in the Commons, Mr Shuker asked the Education Secretary if he would 'commit' to ensuring all reports into the inquiry would be published.

He said: "Given the well-documented problems that whistle-blowers encountered in reporting their experiences at Barnfield Federation to the Department for Education, will the Secretary of State commit to publishing all inquiry reports in full, including all the versions that have circulated outside the departments involved?" Mr Gove replied: "I am grateful to the Hon. Gentleman for raising that case.

INQUIRY: Barnfield College

"As we both know, very serious allegations have been made in connection with the Barnfield Federation.

"They are currently being investigated, and nothing I say, do or publish should prejudice those investigations.

"However, as has always been the case, whenever there is information that it is right we should share with those affected and with the public, we will share it in due course."

No release date has yet been given for the reports.

This week Barnfield announced the appointment of Dame Jackie Fisher as its new interim chief executive officer.

She joins the organisation following 13 years as the Chief Executive of the Newcastle College Group.

She replaces Helen Mayhew and Stephen Hall who have been temporary joint-CEOs for the past six months.

They have now returned to their previous roles within the Federation.

Judy Oliver, the acting chairwoman of the Federation's board, said: "We are delighted to welcome Dame Jackie to Barnfield.

"She brings a wealth of experience and expertise that I know will prove invaluable in the coming weeks as we move forward and make changes to secure Barnfield's future.

"On behalf of the board, I would also like to thank Helen Mayhew and Stephen Hall for their work over the past six months in leading the Federation through this challenging time.

"They both return to their substantive roles within the Federation."

The latest development in the Barnfield probe follows a letter sent last month to Mr Shuker by Skills Minister Matthew Hancock outlining the possible outcomes of the inquiry.

PCC faces probe over Leon Briggs disclosure

THE unauthorised disclosure of information by the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) about the circumstances surrounding the death of Leon Briggs is to be investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

Mr Briggs, 39, died on November 4 last year after being detained by Bedfordshire Police and taken to Luton police station.

His death is currently being investigated by the IPCC.

Last weekend, *Luton on Sunday* reported that the PCC, Olly Martins, could face criminal charges after he admitted to sharing information about the inquiry with a third party, who then disclosed it to others.

The new IPCC investigation into Mr Martins will be overseen by IPCC Commissioner James Dipple-Johnstone.

It will also be separate from the other inquiry into the death of Mr Briggs.

Mr Dipple-Johnstone said: "I am satisfied from the information we have at this time that the disclosure should be recorded as a conduct matter. Not least because of the concern this matter will have caused to the Mr Brigg's family and the local community, there must be a fully-independent investigation to determine the full circumstances of that disclosure.

"Our investigation will be independent, thorough, and I want to reassure the community it will not detract from our important work investigating what happened to Mr Briggs in police custody."

newsbriefs

TEEN APPEARS AT CROWN COURT

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy from Luton has appeared in court charged with the attempted murder and rape of a teenage girl.

The youth made his first appearance at Luton Crown Court on Tuesday following his arrest last month. The boy from Luton, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is accused of attacking a 14-year-old girl in Lewsey Park in Luton on January 19 this year.

The boy, dressed in a tracksuit, was not required to enter pleas today to the two charges he faces.

His trial is to take place in June. The court was told the 14-year-old girl remains in a critical condition.

LUTON IN HARMONY CELEBRATIONS

LUTON in Harmony will be celebrating its fourth birthday with an event that promises to be a fantastic day out for all of the family.

The birthday party will take place on Saturday, February 22, from 11am–4pm at Central Square in The Mall Luton.

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POSTAL FRAUD INVESTIGATION

POLICE in Luton have announced an investigation into historical allegations of postal voting fraud in the town.

A spokesperson for Bedfordshire Police said officers met with a Labour Party representative on Thursday to discuss the allegations.

In a statement, the force said: "Bedfordshire Police officers yesterday met with a Labour party representative at Luton police station to discuss allegations relating to electoral fraud.

"The allegations are historical matters, relating to postal voting.

"Officers will now investigate this matter to see if there are any offences."

Shelby faces weight concerns on TV show

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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A YOUNG mum said her life has been transformed after appearing on popular television show Supersize vs Superskinny.

Shelby Gallagher, of Sundon Park in Luton, became concerned after her weight dropped to under six stone following the birth of her daughter Ava.

Feeling that doctors weren't taking her seriously, the 20-year-old contacted the programme makers at Channel 4 for help.

After rigorous interviews, medical and psychological tests, she was accepted on to the show.

"At the time, I was wearing clothes for kids, I felt like a child and not a woman," she said. "I didn't want to go out because I felt like people were judging me.

"My daughter loves swimming, but I wouldn't take her as I felt too self conscious. I knew I had to do something."

The episode, which aired on Thursday night, showed the 20-year-old confronted with what she was actually eating.

The show saw her swap diets with 28-stone Lauren from Cheshire - who Shelby is still in touch with.

"It was difficult to watch it back and see how little I was eating. I wasn't hungry so I didn't eat," she said.

Shelby has now put on a total of 13lbs since the show was filmed in October and is well on her way to reaching her target weight of eight stone.

She said: "I feel happier and more lively, I'm more sociable and feel like I'm now a better mum to Ava.

"I'm starting to fit back into my old clothes now, and I'm so proud of myself. I eat more now, in fact, I'm always hungry!"

The 20-year-old now hopes that her TV appearance will encourage girls to talk about their weight concerns.

"I have set up a Facebook page called 'Shelby Gallagher - Supersize vs Superskinny' if anyone wants to ask questions and hope to start visiting local schools soon."

PROUD: Shelby Gallagher has put on 13lbs since appearing on television show Supersize vs Superskinny with Lauren

John Travolta: 'I like flying into Luton'

FAMOUS Hollywood actor John Travolta has spoken of his fondness for Luton Airport during a radio interview.

The star, known for his roles in classic films such as Grease and Saturday Night Fever, said he enjoyed flying into the airport.

He was speaking on Wednesday during an interview with Steve Wright on BBC Radio 2, where he was discussing his flying arrangements for his visit to the UK this week.

Travolta, who owns a number of aircraft and has a runway at his home, had been asked which airport he would be landing at and the radio host jokingly mentioned Luton.

Travolta said: "I like Luton, I do like Luton.

"Last time I was there (in England) I went Luton - that's a good airport.

"You know, the British have such an extraordinary aviation history.

"I always felt that they had aviation supremacy and I always enjoyed that.

"I love the lead they took with the Concorde and the lead they took with the Comet when the jets first came out with all of the jet engines.

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Trees fall in wind and rain storms

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AMBER weather warnings for wind and rain were issued for the east of England for much of the week, as Bedfordshire continued to get a battering.

Residents were warned the weather in the region was expected to be so severe that it had the potential to cause danger to life or widespread disruption.

With gusts of wind reaching up to 70mph, it was little surprise that trees were uprooted in both Dunstable and Luton.

West Street in Dunstable was closed for a number of hours when a large tree fell across both lanes of the carriageway.

Luckily no-one was hurt when the tree fell and workers from Central Bedfordshire Council quickly attended the scene to clear the road and cut down other leaning trees in the area.

It was a similar scenario in Luton when a tree fell across Crawley Green Road.

Pictures sent to us by a reader showed motorists driving along the pavement to pass the tree.

Again, council workers attended and swiftly removed the debris and made the area safe.

Heavy rainfall arrived in the region during the early hours of Friday, before moving north. It is expected that the impact of this rainfall may continue on some rivers for days. You can find further information by visiting the Environment Agency website or by calling the Environment Agency Floodline 0845 988 1188.

- For more pictures visit www.luton-dunstable.co.uk.

UPROOTED: Council workers remove a large tree after it fell across West Street in Dunstable.

Raiders cover home in bleach

BURGLARS doused a property with bleach and disinfectant after breaking in and threatening the residents.

The five men forced their way into the rear of the house in Dunstable Road, Luton, at around 7.30pm on Thursday, February 6.

After threatening those inside, the group searched the house before taking an assortment of gold jewellery and small electrical items.

They then covered the home with bleach before fleeing the scene.

Investigating officer, Detective Constable Denise Comb, is keen to trace anyone who saw a group of five men in the area that night.

DC Comb said: "The men are all described as Eastern European, wearing balaclavas.

"One was between 26 to 35 years old, with dark brown hair, a round face and a round nose; another was also between 26 and 35, approximately 6ft tall, with a long face and blue eyes."

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Investigation over 19 parking tickets

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A COUNCIL investigation has been launched after 19 parking tickets were put on residents' cars while their street was closed for roadworks.

Residents living in Victoria Street, Dunstable, were furious when they woke last Sunday at 8.30am to find the fines had been slapped on a long line of cars in the road.

Work has been underway on the water pipes running underneath the street for around a fortnight, during which time parking bays have been dug up or obstructed by vehicles and equipment.

Left without anywhere to park, a number of residents, who pay each year for parking permits, had parked on single yellow lines opposite the legitimate parking bays.

The 19 cars were each ticketed last Sunday morning for breaching parking regulations - but Central Bedfordshire Councillor Brian Spurr has since admitted that this 'shouldn't have happened'.

PROBLEM: The obstructed parking bays in Victoria Street, Dunstable

Victoria Street resident, Lisa Shepherd, said: "I was really shocked to find that a ticket had been put on my car.

"Admittedly the car was on a single yellow line but with the roadworks that were taking place and the bays being occupied, the residents feel that some discretion should have been used.

"The bit that infuriated me is that we pay for parking permits - but can't use the bays.

"Once this incident is resolved, we are hoping that there can be some conversation between the council and residents about parking in the area, as things just aren't good enough generally."

Central Bedfordshire Council told *Luton on Sunday* that it is aware of the complaints and that an investigation will be taking place.

Cllr Spurr, executive member for sustainable communities and services, said: "This definitely shouldn't have happened and we will be investigating how it did, including the fines issued.

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At Rothesay Nursery, children sampled Chinese food and some even acquired the skill of using chopsticks. Pupils also dressed in traditional costumes and enjoyed Chinese stories and songs.

2014 is the year of the horse.

IT'S A CELEBRATION: Children at Warden Hill Infant School

Man's skull fractured in road rage attack

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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A 54-YEAR-OLD driver has been left with a fractured skull after being hit over the head during a road rage row in broad daylight.

Police are seeking witnesses to the incident which happened on Wednesday at around 3.30pm.

The victim had been driving northbound on the M1 in a red Rover 600.

As he approached junction 11 he was cut up by the driver of a lime green Corsa.

Both vehicles left the M1 at junction 11 and stopped at the traffic lights at the end of the slip road.

The driver of the Corsa got out of his vehicle and approached the victim, who also got out of his car.

Both were involved in an argument before the victim was hit over the head with an unknown object.

The driver of the Corsa then left the scene, driving towards Luton town centre.

The victim attended Luton and Dunstable Hospital but has since been transferred to Addenbrooke's Hospital for treatment to a fractured skull.

Investigating officer, PC Olyver Tomlinson, said: "The offender is described as a black man, between 30 and 40 years old, with four gold teeth and wore a high visibility jacket and trousers."

Anyone with information can contact PC Tomlinson on 01582 394158 or call Bedfordshire Police on 101.

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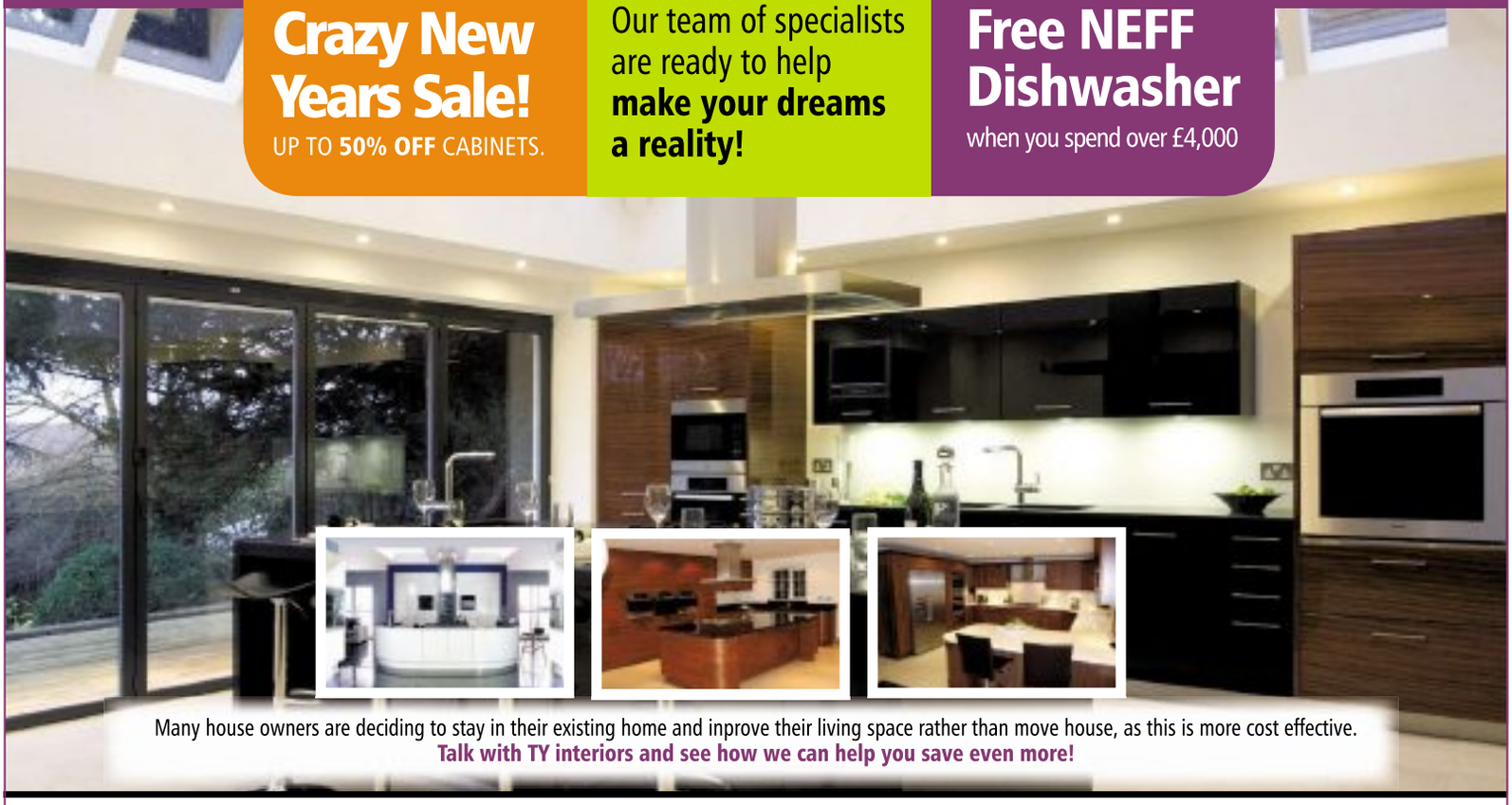

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Olly doesn't understand what he has done

SIR - I WRITE regarding news that Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martins could face criminal charges after he disclosed confidential information about the death of Leon Briggs (*LoS* 9/2/2014).

When will enough be enough? When will Olly realise that no-one takes him seriously after branding a spate of serious gun crime a 'blip', and compromising an investigation a 'slip'.

Playing things down and trying to brush them under the carpet does not make them go away.

And the residents that he serves in an elected role will not be told what we should or should not be talking about.

Of course, Mr Martins wants us all to go back to talking about the ongoing investigation surrounding the tragic death of Leon Briggs - because that means we would have to stop talking about him leaking confidential information.

Unfortunately Olly, people will continue to talk about it, and the only person you have to blame is yourself.

He may 'struggle to believe' that he will be charged with misconduct in public office, but I struggle to believe that he understands the enormity of what he has done.

The death of Leon Briggs has understandably had a huge and lasting impact on our community and has inevitably damaged relationships between the police and residents.

To be told that everything will be 'open' and 'transparent', only to find our PCC has been disclosing confidential information is just a further kick in the teeth.

INVESTIGATION: Bedfordshire's commissioner Olly Martins could face criminal charges

Oh and by the way Olly, lots of people are still talking about the death of Leon Briggs and lots of people are talking about the IPCC investigation into the circumstances of the death.

There was a fantastic turn out at the latest Justice 4 Leon Briggs meeting which was held at Luton town hall last week.

The week before, Luton Council unanimously backed calls for 'Leon's Law' and the use of compulsory body-worn cameras by police during their interactions with the public.

Lots and lots of people are having open and honest debates and conversations - it's a shame our Police and Crime Commissioner hasn't been one of them.

Like I said, surely enough is enough now.

Donna Rose,
Luton

More waste on roads

SIR - I see our imaginative council has come up with yet another brilliant idea to make Luton more attractive.

It has obviously noticed how 'interesting' certain streets have become in recent years as a result of residents choosing to furnish their front gardens with three piece suites, washing machines, fridges and the like.

So it has decided to encourage the further development of this artistic trend.

It has been considering the withdrawal of the free collection service for unwanted large items (*see story page 15*).

Of course, it won't just be our gardens that will receive this attention. No doubt we can also expect to see bus stops, lay-bays and even our public parks thoughtfully provided with armchairs, settees and mattresses so travellers can rest their weary legs.

At one time the computer giant IBM issued its staff with a framed notice to hang over their desks. I would commend it to our councillors. It simply read 'Think'.

Ron Turvey,
Stanmore Crescent, Luton

Too many traffic lights

SIR - I'm sure Steve Lowe speaks for all motorists when he complains about the plethora of traffic lights which blight any journey into Luton.

When I first moved here a daily commute into the town took 10 minutes and two sets of lights.

That same journey now takes up to half and hour and eight sets of lights (four within 100 metres!)

It all forms part of the LBC's war on motorists, with roads constantly being narrowed by empty cycle lanes and bus lanes with empty buses, ever-reducing speed limits (what was 40 mph is now all 30 and many 30 are now 20 – what next 10 mph?), plus the closure of the library car park.

No wonder Luton isn't sharing in the country's present shopping boom!

R Daniels,
Luton

Blame Tories for cuts

SIR - Luton's Labour council is struggling to provide essential services because of the savage cuts in funding by the Tory-led coalition.

Amazingly, the latest figures show that under this government, using its own preferred measure of "spending power per household", the 25 most deprived local authorities in England will lose ten times the amount in spending power compared to the 25 least deprived.

This financial year the prime minister's own local authority of West Oxfordshire (316 out of 326 in the hardship rankings) actually got an increase in spending power. David Cameron and Eric Pickles claim we're all in it together. The good citizens of Luton may think otherwise.

Nick Murray,
Via e-mail

Help raise awareness

SIR - 2014 marks 25 years since local charity, the A-T Society was founded. Ataxia-Telangiectasia is a genetic disabling and life shortening condition which strikes families out of the blue.

Children normally need a wheelchair by the time they are 10 and are at high risk of cancer and lung disease. Life expectancy is around 26 years.

Because A-T is a rare condition, most people, including GPs and even some hospital consultants, have never heard of Ataxia-Telangiectasia and even getting a diagnosis is a challenge for families. The A-T Society funds research towards a cure for the condition, and also helps families gives their children the best lives possible.

They do this with a staff of just three people.

The charity is asking for help from your readers. We have a number of sports challenges planned for 2014 including the Brighton marathon, British 10K London Run, RideLondon100 and a cycle ride the full length of Ireland in September and would love to have some local people take part.

You can find out more about the charity at www.atsociety.org.uk or call 01582 760 733.

William Davis,
CEO, The A-T Society

Carers need support

SIR - The very nature of caring - of being there for a loved one facing ill health or disability - means so often people don't at first, or sometimes ever, identify themselves as carers.

Rather, they think of themselves simply as wife, husband, son, daughter, mum, dad or perhaps grandparent, niece or nephew helping a loved one.

But without the right help and support caring can have a devastating impact – carers can quickly become cut off with their physical and emotional health, work and finances all hit hard.

Caring for those who are older, disabled or seriously ill is without doubt a huge and growing social issue - every day 6,000 people take on a caring responsibility for a loved one.

My sister and I cared for our mother when she had Alzheimer's and so I know first-hand the impact that caring can have on someone's life.

I believe we can all play a part in helping improve the lives of those who take on a caring role. That is why I am supporting the Carers Week Quest in 2014.

The Carers Week Quest is an important new initiative aiming to reach out to the thousands of carers in the UK missing out on support and services that can help them with their caring role.

To find out how you can join in, sign up and help carers receive more support visit www.carersweek.org.

Lynda Bellingham,
Carers UK

Your comments on the stories on our website this week:

PCC faces charges

@joe_levien: It appears that losing his job may be the least of @OllyMartins worries...

@flyinganthong: If he resigns or is sacked do we have an election for his replacement?

@dapofadoju: Looks like he is not off the hook as of yet then!

@BeronRon: Your leader chimes very closely with our sentiments. Keep up the pressure. OMG = Olly Must Go

A PCC should be beyond reproach. Even the strong suspicion he's broken the rules should be enough for his sacking or resignation.

Fee for bulky waste

@lutonexcelsior: Taylor says save money doesn't he mean make money? LBC are charging that's a fee isn't it.

Dealer 'clocked' cars

Dean Suttle - Conway Road. How ironic.

Pupil wins contest

@Barnfield_South: Well done to Rachel on winning the anti-bullying competition! Thanks to the @LutonOnSunday for this great story!

Cannabis farm found

Sam Chester - Cannabis prohibition simply isn't working. The smartest policy our government could implement in regards to cannabis is one of legal regulation.

Under a legalised scheme, thousands of taxable jobs would be created, giving our economy a much needed boost. It is time to stop arresting adults who choose to consume a product proven to be safer than both alcohol and tobacco.

Our most read online

- Lewsey Park Attack: Luton boy, 15, accused of attempted murder and rape of 14-year-old girl appears in court
- Luton burglars doused Dunstable Road property in bleach after break-in
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Do we need to call time on bosses of the cops?

WHAT are Police and Crime Commissioners for? It could be one of those eternal questions like when will the floods eventually abate, when will bankers stop giving themselves enormous bonuses for poor performances, when will politicians stop blaming each other and just get on with it, or when will the Catholic church ever admit some priests historically abused children and say sorry?

But, unlike most of the others, there is something we can do about the Crime Commissioners (PCCs). Which is abolish them.

They are meant to be the front line spokesman, architect of change and the democratic conduit between us and the police.

It does not appear to me they are doing much of that, or much of anything for that matter, apart, in Bedfordshire's case, from leaking sensitive information. It could get worse for Olly Martins, this county's PCC, as well, as the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is looking into his disclosure of confidential material.

This comes as the police have never been so overstretched and the relationship between them and us has rarely been worse in recent years. And I can remember the miners' strike.

So what does the Government do? Blame the PCCs for lack of action. And what do the PCCs do? Blame the Government for lack of cash. Sound familiar?

Someone in Downing Street has certainly been reading Machiavelli, he who said political leaders should always take the credit for success but ensure there is someone else around to take the blame for failure.

And PCCs appear to be both failures in themselves and can also take the blame for Government cuts.

But let's be honest, they are, to quote my grandmother, neither use nor ornament.

Nobody feels more democratically empowered by them and I am sure the police do not think they are more effectively run because of them.

It is just another political football and maybe a political rung on the ladder to greater things.

There are lots of MPs retiring, or being retired, and being a PCC could be a useful line on your CV, especially if you haven't got an Oxbridge PPE, or a parent who was once in the business.

So perhaps the answer is for them to go off and be useless in the House of Commons, where at least they will have the strength of companionship, and save us all the cost and pretence.

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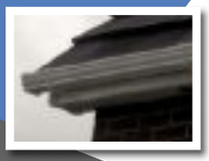

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TOOTH Georgina Mary of Luton, passed away peacefully on 7th February 2014, aged 87 years. Funeral service takes place at Luton Crematorium on Thursday 20th February at4.00pm. Floral tributes and further enquiries to Neville Funeral Service. Tel: 01582 490005.

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Council votes for bulky waste fees

BY CARL MUNGAZI
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RESIDENTS will be charged for the collection of bulky rubbish following a vote by councillors this week.

Luton Council said it can no longer collect items such as furniture and white goods for free.

From April 1 this year the authority will charge a minimum £25 fee for the collection of up to three items, with a £5 fee for each additional item. The service will continue being free for properties where the head of the household receives means-tested benefits.

There will also be a minimum charge for the removal of fittings, garden waste and carpets of £25.

During a meeting on Monday, Labour Cllr Dave Taylor said it was 'difficult' for the council to justify providing a free service in the current economic climate.

He said: "Residents will still have access to the two tidy tips where bulky household waste can be delivered free of charge. And also, there is the situation with regards to 90 per cent (of councils) that continue to charge, and they always have done for many, many years. We're one of the few local authorities that didn't have this charge so regretfully, we've had to introduce it."

The move was criticised by the Liberal Democrat leader, Cllr David Franks, who called it a 'mistake'.

He said: "It is inevitably going to lead to a huge increase in people dumping their old sofas, fridges, and washing machines. And the council, inevitably, is going to have to pick them up.

"I predict that you'll see little or no saving from doing this unless you're prepared to leave all this rubbish dumped in front gardens and streets all over the town."

CONCERNED: Cllr David Franks

Budget looks at increasing council tax by 1.5%

PROPOSALS to increase council tax by 1.5 per cent and cut 58 jobs are set be discussed during a budget meeting on Wednesday.

Over the past three years Luton Council has had to make cuts of £54 million. A report into next year's finances states the authority has identified more cuts and additional income totalling more than £18.2m.

The authority increased council tax by two per cent last year and is proposing a further increase of 1.5 per cent for 2014/2015.

Further cuts of £52m are expected between 2015 and 2019 due to a reduction in Government grants but the council said it was working to minimise the impact on frontline services.

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LOVE was in the air at Whipsnade Zoo this week when keepers surprised their six chimpanzees with a series of presents to celebrate Valentine's Day!

ROMANCE blossomed for ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's chimpanzees this week, as they tucked into tasty treats dished up in heart-shaped hampers to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Keepers stuffed parcels full of the chimps' favourite food, including apples and peanut butter, and put them around their enclosure in time for the big day.

The romantic meal with a difference is part of the zoo's enrichment programme which stimulates the chimps' curiosity – and the six playful primates certainly went ape over their Valentine's treat.

Keeper Jane Storr said: "We're always looking for new ways of enriching our chimpanzee's lives, especially at feeding time when we give them food in imaginative ways."

Visitors to ZSL Whipsnade Zoo this half term can learn more about love in the animal kingdom as 'Romancing the Zoo' delves into the world of wildlife matchmaking.

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Grand designs for a new bandstand

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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ROTARY clubs in Luton have announced that they are seeking planning approval to design and build a modern bandstand in Wardown Park.

At an event on Sunday February, 23, at The Pavilion, Bowling Green Lane in Luton, full details for the 'Rotary Bandstand' will be presented to leaders of the community, educational establishments and local authority, highlighting the design competition for schools, colleges and the university.

The Rotary Youth Trust is looking for the concept of a building for the 21st Century and one that will fit in with the surroundings of the park.

BACK TO THE FUTURE: The former bandstand in Wardown Park

Rotarian Alan Corkhill, chair of the Rotary Steering Committee, said: "We are looking to excite the young people of Luton to take full advantage of this park and its surroundings.

"The Trust has allocated major financial prizes for winners and their educational establishment."

The winning concepts will be incorporated in the final design which will be prepared by architects.

The final building will be used for music, exhibitions and theatre productions.

Just 24 hours left to nominate local sporting talent!

THERE is just one day left to make your nominations for the Luton Sports Awards.

The prestigious event, which is organised by the Luton Sports Network and supported by Luton Borough Council and *Luton on Sunday*, aims to recognise the success of sports men and women in the town.

The nomination form, which can be found at www.lutonsportsnetwork.co.uk should be emailed to crobin@sky.com by tomorrow, Monday, February 17. The results will be announced at the Luton Sports Network Presentation Evening on Thursday, March 27.

Information about the categories can also be found on the Luton Sports Network website.

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Time is running out to enter Retail Factor

BY LAUREN ARCHELL
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WITH only one week left to enter this year's Retail Factor competition, The Mall Luton is calling on local entrepreneurs to make sure they don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime.

The annual competition is giving local start-up businesses and traders the chance to develop their business – but the application deadline is just seven days away.

This initiative is supported by Luton South MP Gavin Shuker who has highlighted the importance of independent retailers in a tough economy.

Mr Shuker said: "Only last year, my hometown and the town I proudly represent, Luton, broke the record for the number of business start-ups it had ever achieved.

"I believe that small businesses are the driving force of our economy. They are the key to reviving our high streets and driving us toward the path of economic recovery."

A unique contest, the Retail Factor gives small and start-up businesses the opportunity to grow in a busy retail market, offering access to high street space in The Mall.

OPPORTUNITY: Last year's Retail Factor winner, Anne-Marie Paterson, with The Mall General Manager, Mark Broadhead

This allows entrants the chance to trial their products in the local area, as well as build vital business skills like customer service.

Marketing Manager at The Mall Luton, Lavinia Douglass, said: "The Retail Factor has been a huge success in previous years with winners taking their businesses to levels they could only dream of. We hope small businesses take up this opportunity, as it truly is an excellent way to showcase themselves to our shoppers."

The closing date to get your application in for the Retail Factor is Sunday, February 23.

Applicants can simply apply online and find out more information about the competition at www.themall.co.uk/retailfactor.

Your kerbside garden waste collections are restarting in March

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Brown bin collections in Luton will begin again from week commencing **Monday 3 March.**

To find your first collection day, check your recycling collection calendar at **www.luton.gov.uk/recycling**

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Viva Las Vegas! Viva Local World!

ALL the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas came to *Luton on Sunday's* annual awards ceremony last weekend.

Recognising excellence and achievement of staff and the newspapers they produce in the Central and East region of parent company Local World, the glittering occasion was held in the grand marquee at Bedford Blues Rugby Club.

The stars of *LoS* came out in force to celebrate.

Executive director of Local World, Central and East, Mike Richardson, welcomed the staff, all of whom were celebrities for the night and thanked, in particular, the company's sponsors who had made the evening possible and who, by their support, ensured the evening was a success.

The casino-themed setting, complete with chocolate gambling chips, dice and lucky key-rings on every table, the giant playing cards displayed around the walls and the rush to inhabit the life size, showgirl cut-out photo opportunity all contributed to the Vegas style atmosphere. A tasty, four course meal followed a champagne reception and on every table both red and white wine flowed – all courtesy of Local World and its generous sponsors.

TAKING THE LEAD: Executive director Mike Richardson

By the time Mike Richardson stood up to deliver a digitally illustrated, entertaining and occasionally saucy speech, the atmosphere was certainly relaxed, convivial and... expectant.

The much anticipated awards ceremony was the highlight – not least for the well-deserved winners.

From Unsung Hero to Title of the Year, the competition was fierce and the outcome was never a foregone conclusion.

LoS reporter Lauren Archell was highly commended in the Journalist of the Year category, up against tough competition from reporters on daily titles.

LoS receptionist Liz Farrell, photographer Keiron Hillhouse and features editor Judy Riley were named Unsung Hero runners-up.

Our sister paper Bedfordshire on Sunday was celebrating after taking home three awards; Newcomer of the Year, Headline of the Year and News Image of the Year.

The past year has been challenging at times for regional newspapers but if the Local World Excellence Awards 2014 Presentation Dinner was anything to go by, *LoS* came up trumps.

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For tickets or more information on any of the events please contact Luton Irish Forum on *01582 720 447* or email *info@lutonirishforum.org* or visit their website *www.lutonirishforum.org* or find them on Facebook.

Tickets for 'Drinking Habits' are also available from the Library Theatre Box Office on 01582 878 100 or *www.lutonculture.com/luton-library-theatre.*

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PLAYTIME: *LoS* editor Stefan Bartlett (*left*) leads the editorial table in a game of heads and tails

GLAMOROUS: Receptionist Liz Farrell (*left*) arrives with the sales team and *LoS* reporter Lauren Archell (*right*)

DRESSED TO IMPRESS: Photographer Keiron Hillhouse and *LoS* reporter Carl Mungazi

LAUGHS: Features editor Judy Riley

ALL SHOOK UP: Raffaele Ariano from the sales department in his Elvis inspired outfit

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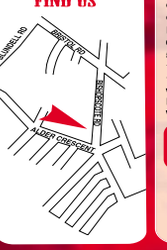

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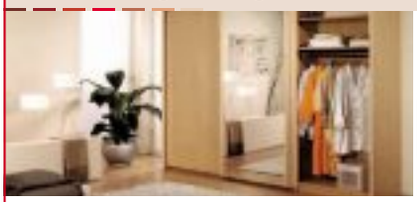

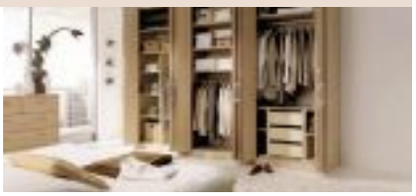

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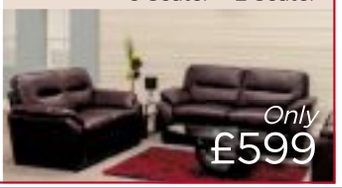

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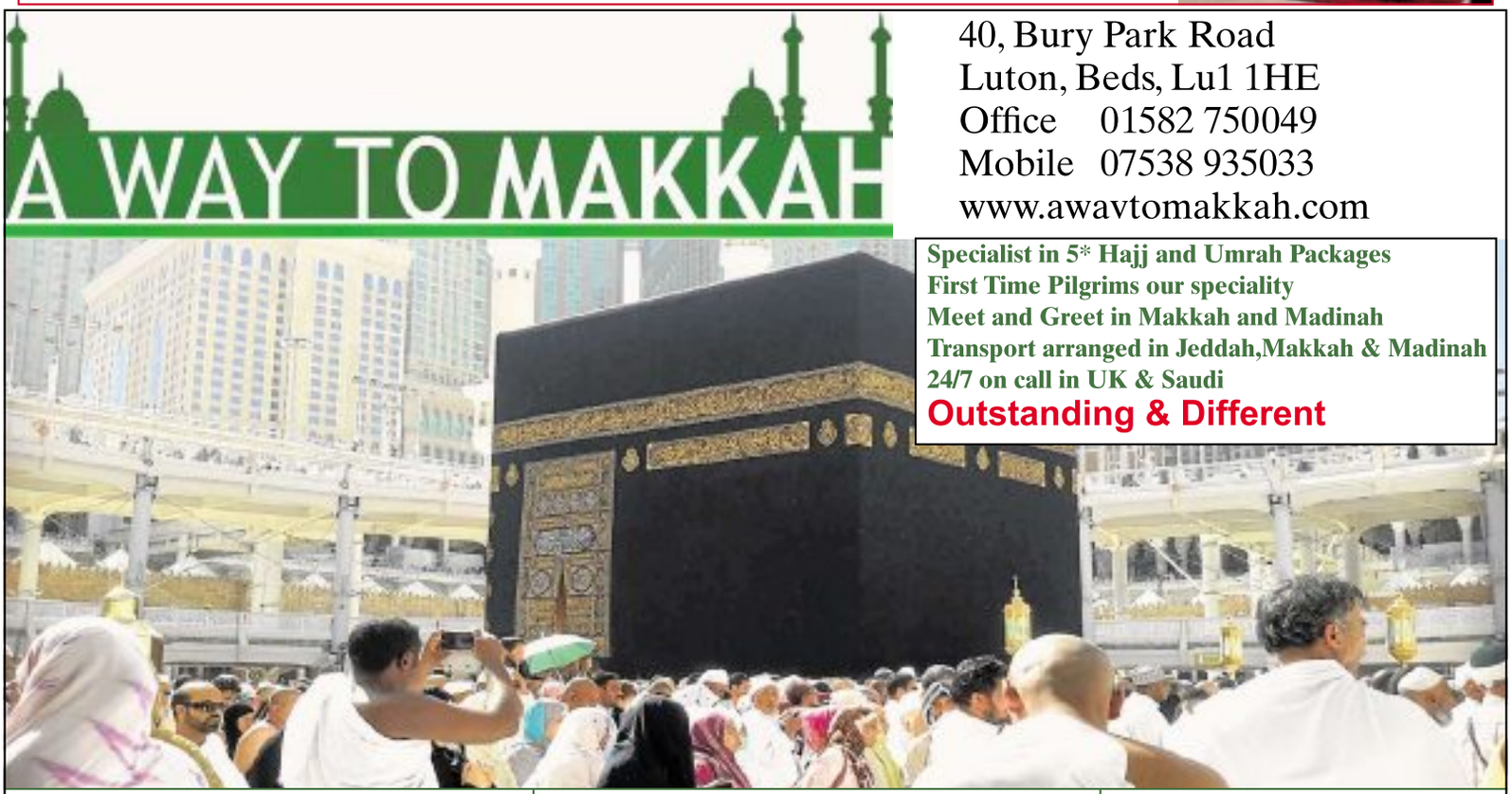

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'I will not stop until I find him'

This week CARL MUNGAZI spoke to a Luton council worker about the search for her son who went missing in Nepal last year

IT'S been more than three months since Margaret Finlay heard from her 23-year-old son Matthew Allpress who went missing last November.

He disappeared while on a solo trek through the centre of the Annapurna region of Nepal.

The last time he had made contact with family and friends was November 3.

He had been due to get on a flight back to Sydney on November 15 but failed to arrive.

Two days later he was declared missing and a search began immediately.

Margaret, who is a data analyst at Luton council and also an ex-Denbigh High School student, flew out to Nepal to help with the search efforts.

An online '#FindMatt' campaign was launched to publicise and fund the search. However, poor weather has since hampered efforts.

Margaret said: "At the moment we have stopped and are building funds to make sure the next search is a big one. They said that we should wait until spring but I don't know if I can wait that long.

"Matthew's friends in Australia have raised $55,000 Australian dollars, with donations going in the funds. That is about £35,000 and it has been depleted because it paid for the (first) search fund."

On Friday, Margaret's colleagues at the council held a Valentine's dance to raise more and her boss Jo Fisher will be running a half marathon on February 23.

How hard has it been trying to live a normal life under such difficult circumstances?

Margaret said: "Normal is probably not the word I

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NOVEMBER 3: Matthew informs family and friends he'll be out of contact whilst on a trek in Nepal

NOVEMBER 15: Matthew fails to arrive at Sydney Airport

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Margaret (front row, second right) and colleagues at Luton council and her son Matthew (below)

would use to describe my life currently.

"I have had meltdowns but I have to stay strong because I will not believe Matthew is not alive.

"My colleagues have been fantastic and I could not have wished for better colleagues. I've taken everything as it comes and I try to stay strong.

"I have been trying to live my life as normal as possible and trying to think what is the next thing we are going to do.

"I just pray to god that he's fine because I will not stop until I find him."

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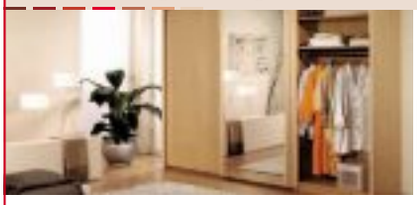

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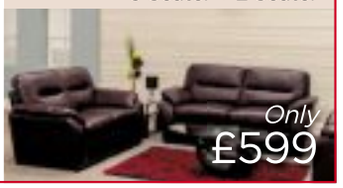

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What we need is more government, not less

THIS week's guest columnist, Luton North MP Kelvin Hopkins, discusses why the State needs to do more to help ordinary people

THE real divide in politics is not between political leaders sniping at each other across despatch boxes in the House of Commons.

It is really between those who believe that democratic government, the State, should have a more substantial role in protecting and supporting its citizens, and those who want to hand wealth and power to the private sector.

After the Second World War and the sufferings of the great 1930s' depression, Western governments were forced to make concessions to their electorates and take vital utilities into public ownership, and to establish proper welfare states and public health services.

Most importantly, governments were required to manage their economies to ensure full employment for all who needed them.

Governments actively promoted economic growth which generated the fastest increase in living standards ordinary people had ever known. I grew up in that world and it really did work.

After the 1970s came a series of governments who sought to dismantle all that had been achieved in that successful post war era.

That destructive process is still happening. Mass privatisation and free market neo-liberal economics has meant that unemployment and economic instability has returned. The failed capitalist philosophy of the nineteenth century has been reinvented as the "small state" and has become the objective of successive governments.

This really is dogma-driven nonsense, supported by the bankers and mega rich but to the disadvantage of millions of ordinary people.

Wages as a proportion of the economy have fallen, poverty has increased and the division between rich and poor has widened.

The recent devastating floods have shown once again how vital state involvement and government action remains.

Does anyone seriously believe that those affected by the floods can cope without massive intervention by government?

Does anyone believe that the private sector, the bankers or the private corporations could ever protect our suffering citizens from the ravages of flooding? Of course not.

Indeed the failure of government to put enough resources into flood defences has contributed to the problem. We need more government, not less.

Millions of voters have shown time and again that they do not believe in a privatised, marketised future and that they do want government to stand up for them, to make sure that we all have access to the necessities of life in a just and genuinely democratic society.

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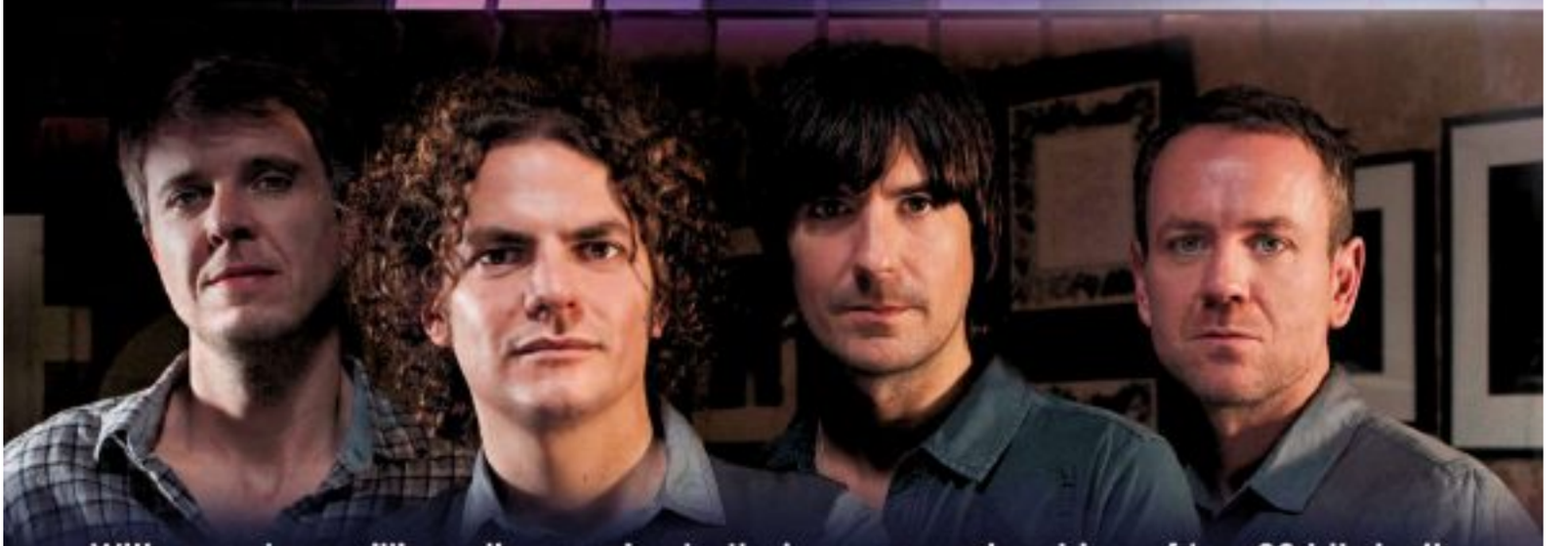

With over two million album sales to their name and a string of top 20 hits both home and abroad Toploader's live set continues to impress, as the band revisit all of their singles including 'Dancing In The Moonlight', 'Achilles Heel' and 'Time Of My Life' as well as introducing fans to their brand new material.

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WITH half-term here and the weather still gloomy, how about taking in a movie?

FAVOURITE childhood toys? In my case it was Scalextric, Space Hoppers, and Lego, says MIKEY CLARKE.

So, when I heard there was going to be a Lego movie, I worried in case it turned out as bad as past toy-themed films such as G.I. Joe, Transformers, The Bratz Movie and Battleship.

My great fear was that it would change my views on a much-loved franchise.

Thankfully, The Lego Movie is better than all of the aforementioned films... a lot better.

This fast-paced family adventure focuses on Emmet (voiced by Chris Pratt), an ordinary, rule-following construction worker.

His Lego universe becomes threatened by President Business (Will Ferrell), a villain who plans to glue the world's Lego pieces together stopping them becoming anything other than what he wants them to be (political message, anyone?).

Emmet is recruited by Wyldstyle (Elizabeth Banks), a freedom fighter who mistakes him for the man prophesied to put an end to President Business' evil plans.

Together, they team up with other 'master builders' such as Batman (Will Arnett), Green Lantern (Jonah Hill), Vitruvius (Morgan Freeman) and Superman (Channing Tatum), in order to carry out a quest for which Emmet is completely unprepared.

As expected from writers-directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller (the duo behind Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs and 21 Jump Street), The Lego Movie is inspiring, poignant and genuinely funny.

My only criticism (and it's probably not a bad thing for the movie-makers) is that the song, 'Everything is Awesome', will be stuck in your head long after the film has finished.

It's also worth remembering that, while some jokes are aimed at children, others are intended for the more mature viewer.

And even though not all the jokes had me laughing out loud, I would still say this is the funniest film I have seen during the last 12 months.

Rating: 4/5

BUILDING ON THE PAST: But the Lego Movie is a brand new, comedy take on a much-loved franchise

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Reflecting the wildness of the sea and the crazed instability of Grimes' mind, Britten's story is a vivid picture of a small community's descent into suspicion, gossip and mob mentality in the face of a tragedy.

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Dirty Dusting is cast in the laugh-out-loud comedy mould, and it explores the issue of ageism in the twenty-first century.

Tickets cost £20 and can be booked on 01582 602080. The show is strictly for those aged 14 and over.

Girls Names are in town

MUSIC

UKCCA
Tuesday, 7.30pm

BELFAST four-piece group Girls Names will be coming to the town as part of a new link-up between Bedford-based 'Pad Presents' and Luton's 'Dark Party'.

The group will play at the UK Centre for Carnival Arts on the same day their second album 'The New Life', is released.

Girls Names have already released a series of singles and EPs on various independent labels. The band made their first impression on the wider world in 2011 with the debut album, Dead To Me, which earned plaudits from the likes of Pitchfork, NME, and Loud & Quiet, amongst a host of others.

The new album's title track, and the first single to be taken from the LP, is shy of eight minutes long, and rotates around a hypnotic bass line.

New single 'Hypnotic Regression' reflects another side to the record.

The reverb-heavy guitars and melody show signs of experimentation, accompanied by the white squall of the lead break, and the uneasiness in the vocal echoes that furnish the verses.

Cully, a member of the group, said: "The New Life is not an overnight change for Girls Names – just over two years in fact.

"Dead to Me literally was dead to us by the time it was committed to wax.

"But it's a learning curve. We started moving on as artists the moment we finished that recording session, maybe even before.

"Not to dwell on the past, The New Life is what happens when you reset everything back to zero and start again, but try to perfect.

"It starts back at zero, the minute the needle hits the groove but we're also starting back from zero once the needle lifts at the end of the record. Ad infinitum. The New Life is what follows now."

Support on the night will come from Luton's LUPO, who released their debut EP last year.

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Opera wants more extras

MUSIC

UKCCA
Tuesday, 7.30pm

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Nabucco is one of Verdi's most melodic and beautiful operas. The ensemble number, often better known as The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves, is set on the banks of the River Euphrates as the captured are taken to be slaughtered.

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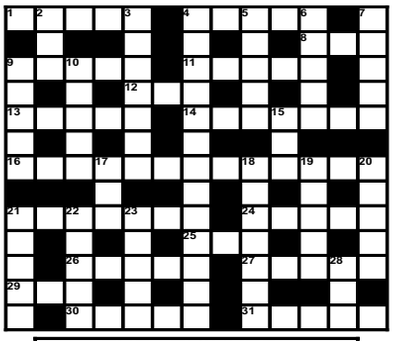
PUZZLE CORNER



THE THINKER

ACROSS
1 Dairy food, nothing black to speak of (5)
4 Encountered one in the middle, or expected to (5)
8 Starts owing, will not get possession (3)
9 13 across changes the subject (5)
11 Not so fast – real change takes time (5)
12 Girl comes back for a long chat (3)
13 Ian leaves Specsavers with drink dispenser (5)
14 No actor employed here (7)
16 Safer gap worth fixing in novel way (6,2,5)
21 Office note about medical specialists' souvenir (7)
24 Damaged, head blown off with a gun (5)
25 Half of police left after cut (3)
26 Character discovered in local pharmacy (5)
27 Routes past hospital ground (5)
29 Be off from start, showing spirit (3)
30 Loves struggling to get the answer (5)
31 Wander about, energy gone, looking unwell (5)

DOWN
2 Added a number, by the sound of it (3)
3 About to ride to green activity (7)
4 Cook and chill meat with other food (4,9)
5 Singular pudding to follow (5)
6 Unusual roost in trunk (5)
7 Workers united in marriage (5)
9 Nothing changes, not in minimal underwear (5)
10 Gaining a stone, thanks to bread (5)
15 Caused a rift, almost at the hill (3)
17 Constant energy from this food (3)
18 Enchanted we hear, by nature of parcel (7)
19 These days man jumps up to confess (5)
20 I left, he said, for the underworld (5)
21 Join force in the lake (5)
22 Chap's swallowed drug, or intends to (5)
23 This country has some fine palaces (5)
28 Exhibition doesn't open – find out circumstances (3)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 1.Buckle 7.Fused 8.Lame duck 9.Claim 11.Purse 13.Proficient 14.Theodolite 16.Edges 18.Rugby 20.Integral 21.Ingle 22.Warmth
DOWN: 1.Bill poster 2.Cymar 3.Ledger 4.Purloined 5.Levi 6.Scaffolding 10.Methusalah 12.Spoonbill 15.Teresa 17.Garum 19.Urns

SU DOKU

3				1			6	
		4	8					
	2				6		7	
		9				3		
	1			8			5	
		6		7		4		
	5		2				1	
					3	9		
	7			4				8

Complete the grid so that all rows, columns and 3x3 boxes contain the numbers 1 to 9. Solution next week.

Solutions

SU DOKU
Solution for last week

7	6	5	4	3	9	1	8	2
8	9	3	2	1	6	5	7	4
1	2	4	7	5	8	9	3	6
2	3	6	9	8	5	4	1	7
9	1	7	3	4	2	6	5	8
5	4	8	6	7	1	2	9	3
6	5	2	8	9	3	7	4	1
3	7	9	1	6	4	8	2	5
4	8	1	5	2	7	3	6	9

ANSWER: MATCH FIVE
BRAKE, BAKER, SKATE, BLACK, LACED

ANSWER: BRAIN STRAIN
TIMBERING, Bem, Betrim, Bim, Brining, Emir, Emit, Germ, Grim, Grime, Imne, Inem, Interim, Ilem, Mein, Meng, Ment, Met, Ment, Men, Mine, Miner, Ming, Mini, Mint, Minter, Mire, Mirn, Mite, Miter, Mitre, Nimbi, Remit, Rem, Rime, Term, Tremin, Timber, Timbre, Time, Timer, Timing, Trim &???

FIND THE WORDS

G	R	C	A	P	R	O	I	D	N	E	F	E
A	R	O	S	C	F	I	R	G	D	C	L	R
N	L	N	O	L	L	A	S	O	O	R	A	E
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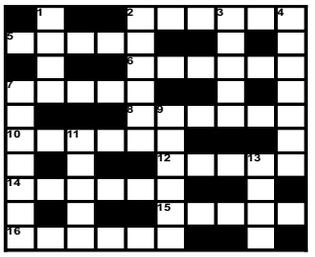
H	O	A	S	E	N	O	A	E	B	T	A	K
A	T	C	N	K	I	T	N	U	F	N	S	F
S	S	T	C	D	S	A	L	O	A	F	N	C
K	O	O	S	T	E	L	R	W	O	N	E	O
S	T	A	L	L	I	R	B	O	N	R	G	C

Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Male:
Male, Buck, Ram, Gent, Stag, Sir, Sahib, Bwana, Rooster, Capon, Bull, Cob, Gander, Dog, Senor, Father, Effendi, Cock, Brother, Stallion



QUICKSOLVE?

ACROSS
2.Gums (6)
5.Illness symptom (5)
6.Inoculate (6)
7.Love (5)
8.For drying (6)
10.Aerosols (6)
12.Viola (5)
14.A fruit (6)
15.Vacant (5)
16.Tempestuous (6)

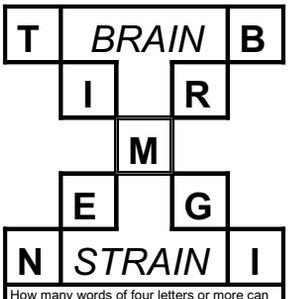
DOWN
1.Destiny (4)
2.Irritable (6)
3.Jellyfish etc (5)
4.Convince (7)
7.Takes as true (7)
9.Bird of prey (6)
11.Wireless (5)
13.Glut (4)

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK
ACROSS: 1.Mishmash 6.Exploited 7.Hay 9.Venal 10.Emmet 12.Tow 13.Greenhorn 14.Flypaper
DOWN: 2.Sexy 3.Mole 4.Shiner 5.Hexagon 6.Earmark 8.Repeal 11.Chip 12.Trip

Nº	7	-	8			
Fun!	+	2	÷			
23	5	x	6			

Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg 8÷2+5x6-7=47

Last week: 9 – 3 x 6 + 7 ÷ 1 = 43



How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 28 Maestro: 37+

R	A	E	P	S	S	R
I	A	N	K	L	E	E
N	D	A	L	A	S	K
S	T	E	A	K	R	A
E	Y	K	C	A	L	B
T	R	O	E	A	O	A
E	L	D	D	A	R	L

MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

B	R	I	D	E	A	S
L	A	C	E	D	A	R
A	R	B	A	L	E	I
C	A	R	A	T	E	D
K	R	A	A	L	E	E
R	E	K	A	B	D	R
U	S	E	N	E	M	Y

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- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen

Farley Hill £210,000
- Semi Detached Property
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- Extended Kitchen
- Four Piece Family Bathroom

Biscot Road £100,000
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Moulton Rise £100,000
- TWo Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

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- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
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- Detached Garage & Parking

Turnpike Drive £285,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Conservatories
- Games Room & Fitted Jacuzzi

Tennyson Road £250,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

Dallow Road £165,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden

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- Off Road Parking

Orpington Close £200,000
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- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Garden
- Garage

Lowther Road £115,000
- Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Fitted Kitchen

Luton Road £155,000
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage

Purcell Road £145,000
- End Terraced Property
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London Road £125,000
- Ground Flooor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Garden

French's Gate £180,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Gardens & Garage
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- One Reception Room
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking

Grange Avenue £230,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Cloakroom
- Garage & Ample Parking

Finsbury Road £230,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
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- Garden
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Verulam Gardens £200,000

- Four Bedroom Property
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- Kitchen & Dining Room
- Garden & Garage

Homedale Drive £190,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking

Blundell Road £190,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Rear Garden
- Well Presented

Icknield Road £165,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Large Rear Garden & Parking
- Sought After Location

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- Front Garden

Lothair Road £245,000

- Semi Detached Family Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Walcot Avenue £220,000

- Detached Property
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Double Garage & Driveway
- No Chain

Beaconsfield £209,995

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- One Reception Room
- Garden & Garage
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Connells News

Housing market starts the year with a bang

The housing market has got off to a flying start according to local estate agency Connells which recorded a 36% increase in property sales in January compared to last year as part of its national network. Indeed, Connells' branches have seen increased activity across the board in January 2014, a month which traditionally sees the market taking a few weeks to 'warm up'.

As well as seeing over a third more sales transactions, Connells can report over 50% more buyers registering an interest in purchasing a property in January this year. It has also recorded a 31% increase in the number of mortgage appointments as would be home buyers look to take advantage of greater availability of mortgage finance.

"To say the housing market has been active in January would be an understatement, we have seen significant hikes in the number of buyers and sales across the UK," says Branch Manager **Lee Clark**. "This is even more encouraging when we consider the time of year. January is usually a month that gets busier as the weeks progress but it has been all systems go since the start of the year for our office."

Connells figures come in the wake of news from the Bank of England that the number of mortgages taken out in December reached its highest level in almost six years. With greater access to mortgages and more opportunities for buyers, activity at Connells branches is reaching similar levels to those before the housing market downturn.

"The supply of homes available to purchase remains an issue and we hope to see improvements to this in 2014," Lee continues. "With more buyers looking for a home, now is a great time to get your property on the market."

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Central Dunstable £295,000

This well presented detached family home consists of entrance hall, downstairs W/C, dining room, lounge, kitchen with breakfast bar, conservatory, family bathroom, 4 bedrooms, ensuite to master, integral garage, rear garden with side access, parking off street for three cars, driveway to front.

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HEATING ENGINEERS

Heating Division

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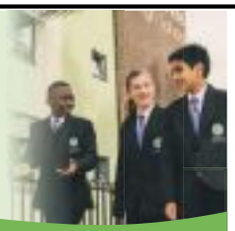

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Closing date for applications: Wednesday 26th February 2014.
Interviews will be held: Week commencing 3rd March 2014.

For further information about Lealands High School, visit our website at: www.lealands.luton.sch.uk

Visits from prospective candidates are welcome and can be arranged by contacting Mrs Nilsson (HR) on 01582 611600.

Interested candidates should visit – www.Luton.Gov.uk/jobs for further details and to complete an online application form.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

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Vacancy ID: 100855

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Visits to the school are welcomed. (please note school is closed 17th-21st February 2014).
For further details or to arrange a visit please contact the school on 01582 611035 or email schooloffice@stopsley.primaryluton.co.uk
You will be notified by telephone by 5.00pm on Monday 3rd March, if you are successful in your application.
To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs
Closing date: 28 February 2014 at 12 noon
Interview date: 05 March 2014

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ST MARTIN DE PORRES PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Closing date: 3 March 2014
Interview date: w/c 10 March 2014

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A willingness to take an active part in the life of this large boarding and day School is essential. The School has its own salary scale which is well above the national scale. Help with accommodation may be available and there is generous fee remission for children of teaching staff of the Harpur Trust Schools in Bedford.

Further details are available from **Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School, De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU tel: 01234 362214 fax: 01234 362283 email: slapidge@bedfordschool.org.uk.**

A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website. Applications should be returned to the Head Master no later than midday on Monday 24th February 2014. Please note that CVs will not be considered.

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Closing Date
Monday 24 Feb 2014 (12noon)
Interview Date
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Visits to school are encouraged. Please call the school office for available visiting dates – 01582748810.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.surreystreetprimary.com and once completed can be emailed to surrey.street.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk

Closing date: 28 February 2014 at 9.30am
Interview date: w/c 10 March 2014
Please note that References will be taken up before interview.

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A willingness to take an active part in the wider life of a busy boarding and day School is essential and the ability to coach games, especially one of the School's major sports, would be an advantage.

The School is fully accredited to participate in the ISC NQT Induction Programme in order to provide qualified teacher status.

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Closing Date
Monday 3 March 2014 (12noon)
Interview Date
Friday 7th March 2014

BEDFORD SCHOOL

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710 Boys; 290 Sixth Form

TEACHER OF GERMAN

An enthusiastic, well qualified linguist is required for September 2014 to join a large and successful modern languages department to teach German, including to native speakers. Though a second language is not a prerequisite it would be an advantage. The School offers French, German and Spanish at IGCSE, A Level and IB as well as an extensive Mandarin programme.

A willingness to take an active part in the life of the School is essential and the ability to coach games would be an advantage.

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You will have AAT foundation/intermediate qualification or equivalent experience.

Catering Officer

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(A) AND MOTORWAY TRAFFIC (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1982
THE M1 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 10 TO 10A SPUR) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 201_

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M1 Motorway spur in the Borough of Luton, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce during the reconstruction and re-configuration of M1 J10A.

The works are expected to start on or after Tuesday 4 March 2014 with overnight carriageway and slip road closures (8pm to 6am) and some weekend working, starting on, or after, Friday 7 March 2014 and to last until April 2015. The works would be carried out in phases using a combination of lane closures, narrow lanes, contraflow or full carriageway closures with hard shoulder running. A temporary mandatory speed limit would be in force in the interest of safety. The closures would be applied only to the extent that is necessary for particular works to be undertaken and would only apply during such times and to such extent as would be indicated by traffic signs.

The effect of the Order would be to –

1. impose for 24 hours daily for the duration of the works a speed limit of –
   1.1 30 miles per hour on the M1 -
   - eastbound spur between the roundabout at J10 and the A1081 Kidney Wood Roundabout at J10A, including the length of dedicated free flow lane from a point on the southbound exit slip road at J10, 442 metres south of the B4540 Church Road, Slip End underbridge to its merge with the eastbound spur road, and
   - westbound spur between the A1081 Kidney Wood Roundabout at J10A the roundabout at J10, including the length of dedicated free flow lane from its diverge with the westbound spur road for a distance of 185 metres,
   - circulatory carriageway of the roundabout at J10,
   - southbound exit slip road from a point 442 metres south of the B4540 Church Road, Slip End underbridge to its junction with the roundabout at J10,
   - northbound exit slip road from a point 20 metres south of the south bridge at M1 J10 to the roundabout at J10,
   - northbound entry slip road from its junction with the roundabout at J10 for a distance of 50 metres, and
   - southbound entry slip road from its junction with the roundabout at J10 for a distance of 50 metres, and

   1.2 50 miles per hour on the M1 J10 –
   - northbound exit slip road between points 220 metres south and 20 metres south of the south bridge, and
   - southbound exit slip road between points 132 metres south and 442 metres south of the B4540 Church Road, Slip End underbridge.
2. close the M1 –
   - eastbound spur between the roundabout at J10 and the A1081 Kidney Wood Roundabout at J10A, and
   - westbound spur between the A1081 Kidney Wood Roundabout at J10A and the roundabout at J10, including the free flow link road to the southbound entry slip road at J10,
   - northbound exit slip and entry slip road at J10, and
   - southbound exit slip road at J10.

Traffic wishing to enter or leave the M1 would be diverted on or off the motorway at the nearest open slip road and follow a diversion route indicated by traffic signs to continue their journey.

3. Traffic would be allowed to run on the hard shoulder adjacent to the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the M1 spur between J10 and J10A and contraflow would be in operation on either carriageway at times with width restrictions of 3 metres (9' 10") in lane 1 and 2.5 metres (8' 2") in lane 2.

The temporary mandatory speed limit (which would not apply to emergency service or special forces vehicles), closures (which would not apply to works, emergency service, traffic officer or winter maintenance vehicles) and diversion routes would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

The Order would come into force on 3 March 2014 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs Y A Tomkins, An official of the Highways Agency

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THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.25) ORDER 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on 12th February 2014 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Order under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Order will come into operation on Monday 17th March 2014.

The Order will:

1. Introduce No Waiting at Anytime restrictions as specified in Schedule 1 below.
2. Introduce No Waiting Monday-Saturday 8am-6pm as specified in Schedule 2 below.
3. Revoke existing waiting and loading restrictions and introduce a Goods vehicle only loading bay maximum stay 30 mins as specified in Schedule 3 below.
4. Introduce a Bus stop clearway as specified in Schedule 4 below.

SCHEDULE 1 – Introduce No Waiting at Anytime

Road	Length
Bunting Road	Both sides from its junction with Kestrel Way for a distance of 10 metres.
Buzzard Road	Both sides from its junction with Kestrel Way for a distance of 10 metres.
Chester Avenue	Odd numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Chester Close to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Chester Close.
Chester Close	Both sides from its junction with Chester Avenue for a distance of 10 metres.
Coltsfoot Green	Both sides from its junction with Kestrel Way for a distance of 10 metres.
Kestrel Way	Even numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Coltsfoot Green to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Coltsfoot Green. Even numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Bunting Road to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Bunting Road. Even numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Buzzard Road to a point 13 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Buzzard Road. Even numbered side from a point 1 metre west of the boundary of No's 16/18 Kestrel Way to a point 5 metres east of the boundary of No's 10/12 Kestrel Way. Even numbered side from a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Peregrine Road to a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Peregrine Road.
Peregrine Road	Both sides from its junction with Kestrel Way for a distance of 10 metres.
St Ives Close	Both sides from its junction with St Monicas Avenue for a distance of 7 metres.
St Monicas Avenue	Both sides from a point opposite the boundary between No's 6/8 to a point opposite the boundary between No's 11/13 St Monicas Avenue.

SCHEDULE 2 – Introduce No Waiting Monday-Saturday 8am-6pm

Road	Length
Dover Close	From a point opposite the boundary of No's 2/3 Dover Close northwards to its end incorporating the full extent of the hammerhead area.

SCHEDULE 3 – Introduce Goods vehicle only loading bay Maximum stay 30 mins No return within 1 hour

Road	Length
Chapel Street	Even numbered side from a point 4 metres south of the boundary between No's 24/26 Chapel Street southwards to a point opposite the boundary of No's 26/28 Chapel Street.

SCHEDULE 4 – Introduce Bus stop Clearway in operation 7am-7pm

Road	Length
Kestrel Way	Even numbered side from a point 13 metres northeast of the eastern kerbline of Buzzard Road eastwards for a distance of 16 metres.

A copy of the Order, plans and reasons for making the Order may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that they are not within the powers contained in the above Act or any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

16th February 2014

Graham Turner, Highway Services Manager
Town Hall Luton LU1 2BQ

THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.12) ORDER 2014
THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.26) ORDER 2014
THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) (AMENDMENT NO.9) ORDER 2014
THE BOROUGH OF LUTON (OFF- STREET PARKING PLACES)(CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO.1) ORDER 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on 12th February 2014 Luton Borough Council, the Highway Authority for the said Borough, made the above Orders under the relevant provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended).

The Orders will come into operation on Monday 24th March 2014

The Orders will:

1. Introduce shared use parking bays of various lengths in operation Monday–Saturday 8am-6pm max stay 2 hours Zone PT permit holders exempt from the time limit in New Town Street.
2. Remove a length of shared use parking bay outside No's 30/32 Cowper Street in operation Monday–Saturday 8am-6pm and introduce a No Waiting at Anytime restriction in its place to ensure access to the Fire Hydrant.
3. Introduce the references specified in Schedule 1 of this Order into Schedule 2 of The Borough of Luton (Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2012.
4. Introduce the off street parking area adjacent to the Park Town Community Centre on Bailey Street into Schedule 2 of The Borough of Luton (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2012.
5. Introduce residents permit and reserved permit holder only parking bays in operation Monday–Saturday 8am-6pm in the off street parking area adjacent to the Park Town Community Centre on Bailey Street.
6. Introduce into Schedule 3 of The Borough of Luton (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2012 the references specified in Schedule 2 of this Order below.
7. Introduce two disabled persons parking bays in the off street parking area adjacent to the Community Centre on Bailey Street.
8. Introduce a disabled persons parking bay on Leagrave High Street in the most western end of the bay fronting No's 462-472.
9. Introduce a One Way direction restriction as specified in Schedule 3 below.

SCHEDULE 1 – Qualifying addresses Zone PT

Cowper Street	Even numbered side 2-34 Odd numbered side 1-27
Essex Close	All residential addresses including Essex Close, Chobham Court and Chobham Walk.

SCHEDULE 2 – Qualifying addresses Parking area adjacent to Park Town Community Centre

Unreserved Parking Places	All Zone PT permit holders
20 Reserved Parking Bays	Wonderland Daycare Nursery Only and Park Town Community Centre.

SCHEDULE 3 – One Way

Road	Section	Direction
New Town Street	From Chase Street to Strathmore Avenue.	From Chase Street to Strathmore Avenue.

Copies of the Orders, plans and reasons for making the Orders may be inspected at the Town Hall, Luton. Please telephone Highway Services on 01582 546783 to arrange for an appointment to view.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that they are not within the powers contained in the above Act or any requirement of that Act or any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Orders, may, within six weeks of the date on which the Orders were made, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT / RENEWAL OF A LICENCE TO USE THE PREMISES AS A SEX ESTABLISHMENT VENUE.

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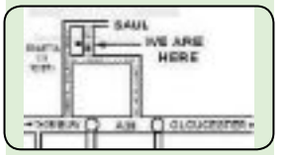

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ANOTHER TREBLE: The now familiar sight of Andre Gray celebrating for the Hatters

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SKRILL PREMIER
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SKRILL Premier title favourites Luton Town ran out 7-0 winners at home to Hereford United on Saturday afternoon to continue their impressive form.

Another Andre Gray hat-trick, amongst goals from Paul Benson, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, Alex Lawless and a Jake Howells penalty, extended Luton's unbeaten run to 22 league matches.

It means that John Still's men are now an imposing nine points clear at the top, with nearest rivals Cambridge United distracted by the FA Trophy.

That sort of margin means that even the most pessimistic of Hatters fans must now be starting to believe that a return to the Football League is imminent.

After claiming a first-ever win at Macclesfield in midweek, yesterday's Kenilworth Road return looked set to provide a routine three points. Nevertheless, despite sitting down in 15th coming into the game, Hereford tend to give the Hatters a run for their money, shown by the 0-0 draw back in September.

In fact, the sides had failed to produce more than two goals in any of the five previous fixtures but, with the 30-plus-goals strike pairing of Gray and Benson in Town's ranks, keeping that record intact looked less likely than Luton throwing away their league lead.

Add to that Hereford's poor away form – just two wins on their travels all season – and a Luton win seemed a no-brainer, demonstrated by a lightning Hatters start.

First, Luke Guttridge danced his way into the box in the second minute, before being blocked off by a Hereford defender. The penalty appeal was waved away but it didn't prevent Guttridge from playing in Gray three minutes later, the forward's low shot cleared off the line by Bulls captain Luke Graham.

Another minute passed until Luton fathomed their third chance, Gray stretching to meet Howells' whipped cross but stabbing over the bar.

That profligacy might have come back to bite the Hatters last season but they are not to be deterred this time around.

It took them just another six minutes to make the breakthrough, Norwich City loanee Cameron McGeehan's 20-yarder fumbled by goalkeeper Daniel Lloyd-Weston and tapped home by Gray for his 20th of the season.

United were yet to manage a foray forward but they finally managed a shot 17 minutes in, Chris Sharp firing wildly over from the angle.

Nine-try Luton go second and eye play-off finals

RUGBY UNION

BY TIM BARTLETT
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LUTON RFC are another step closer to this season's London 1 play-off final following their 59-10 win over Woodford yesterday, although it was not quite the 64-5 margin they recorded back in November.

"They're a completely different side to the one we faced last year," said Luton's backs coach Nick Rhodes.

"They were well organised, but in open play we were breathtaking, that's where our success came from."

Luton lead 14-10 at half time, following early tries from Jake Hobbs and Mike Weston, both converted by in-form Chris Talanoa, who nailed seven out of nine conversion attempts yesterday. Woodford went over for a converted try of their own twenty minutes in, and added a penalty ten minutes later to reduce the deficit to four points, which was how it remained until the interval.

Despite the high number of decisions awarded to Woodford by the referee at the break-down, Luton went on to score seven tries without reply in the second half, with Talanoa converting six of them, and scoring a hat-trick of tries of his own.

"Some of the decisions were very frustrating, considering the possession we enjoyed, we were constantly penalised for contesting the ball in the breakdown, we're struggling to understand why", said Rhodes.

Second Row Mike Weston scored two tries, with Tom Mahendren and Steve Ellis both scoring as well to complete a good afternoons's work for Luton at Newlands Road. They move up to second in London 1 North - the play-off spot – above Eton Manor on goal difference

STOCKWOOD PARK kept the pressure on second placed Vipers RFC in Midlands 3 (East) South with a 17-6 home win against Rugby St Andrews and climb to third in the table, three points behind Vipers, who occupy the play-off spot.

"They'd beaten us 22-21 in the reverse fixture in November, so we had a point to prove," said Stockwood's Jason Carr. "We were undone by two late tries that time, but today we were the better team."

Stockwood lead 12-6 at the interval following tries from Casima Abaka and Nick Neubert, the latter converted by James Hankey. Kieran Logan scored the only try of the second period, a half punctuated by three sending offs.

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NUMBER SEVEN: Alex Lawless pokes home from close range

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getting better and better

Luton retaliated quickly, Gray sliding the ball down the side of a high Hereford back line, which Benson showed surprising pace to reach and move in on goal, before striking at the goalkeeper. Half an hour in, the away side produced their most dangerous piece of play.

Ex-Hatter Dan Walker charged forward for the Bulls, playing in Jonathan Brown, who's clipped cross was nodded away by Ronnie Henry with two opposition heads lurking.

Again, Luton replied swiftly, Gray wasting another chance by firing fiercely over after doing well to beat his man in the box. The Hatters started the second period exactly as they'd finished the first, Benson getting on the end of McGeehan's towering header to double the lead and essentially put the game beyond doubt.

At the very least, the second goal sucker punched the Bulls into submission. Unsurprisingly, the third goal came soon after, a tidy team move culminating in a powerful run from Ruddock Mpanzu, who was upended by Kingsley James for a clear penalty. Howells did the business from the spot, firing to the left of the goalkeeper. A rout was now on the cards, becoming a reality on the hour when Ruddock Mpanzu finished off another team move, firing into the roof of the net from Benson's intelligent lay off.

That, though, was not the end of the entertainment.

In the 68th minute, Gray was granted yet another chance, bearing down on goal after being slid in behind by Guttridge. This time, the top scorer made no mistake, finding the bottom corner to put Luton five up.

His hat-trick came just under ten minutes from time, cushioning Alex Lawless's low ball into the far corner to take his tally to 22 for the season, equalling Luton's continuing unbeaten run.

The gloss, as if it was needed, came from Lawless, pouncing on a parry from the goalkeeper, to make it seven.

Luton Town: Tyler; Henry, Franks, McNulty, Griffiths; Ruddock, McGeehan (Robinson 69), Howells (Lawless 76), Guttridge; Gray, Benson (Shaw 79)

Subs not used: Justham, Charles

Hereford United: Lloyd-Weston; Leadbitter, Bush, McDonald, Graham; James (Purdie 59), Brown, Edge; Walker, Sharp (Smith 62), Rankine

Subs not used: Evans, Collins, Williams. Att: 7,111 (156)

GET IN: Hatters celebrate

Roache strike not enough as Marlow double seals win

LOCAL FOOTBALL

BY MATT DESAI
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DUNSTABLE Town surrendered an early lead to fall to a 2-1 defeat away to Marlow at the Alfred Davis Memorial Ground yesterday.

The loss meant The Blues missed out on the chance to return to the top of the Southern Premier League Central, after Rugby Town's fixture away to Ashford Town (Middx) was postponed.

Forward Lee Roache's effort had given the visitors the breakthrough, but goals either side of the interval ensured Marlow ran out winners in Buckinghamshire.

Dunstable dominated the opening stages and grabbed the game's first goal after just four minutes when Roache finished from close range, but were unable to extend their advantage despite an encouraging spell.

They were soon made to pay the price for their missed opportunities, and with sixteen minutes gone the hosts, fourteenth at the start of play, got themselves back on level terms.

Impressive forward Jon Bennett's initial shot was turned around the post by the deputising Lewis Porcelli, but The Blues' 'keeper was unable to keep out the Marlow front man's hooked effort from the resulting corner. After the break, Town had chances to regain the lead, Roache again thwarted by the hosts' stopper, before defender Marc Leach had his shot cleared off the line.

For a second time, Marlow made their opponents pay, and after a cross from the left wing, man-of-the-match Bennett was on hand to steer his side ahead on fifty-four minutes.

The Blues pushed for an equaliser, coming close twice, first through substitute Terry Dixon's effort, and then Nathan Frater's free kick, but they were unable to affect the score line.

Defeat means Dunstable Town remain in second place, two points behind leaders Rugby Town, who now have two games in hand.

There was further bad news for The Blues after top scorer Roache was handed a five-match ban for last week's red card against Egham Town.

BARTON ROVERS lost further ground in the Southern League Division One Central promotion race, as their match away to Egham Town was postponed due to the weather.

Elsewhere, AFC DUNSTABLE came from a goal behind to earn a point at home to Hillingdon Borough, keeping them in sixth place in the Spartan South Midlands Premier.

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Hatters 'trod on' rivals by battering the Bulls

SEVENTH HEAVEN: The Hatters ran riot against Hereford yesterday
Picture: Gareth Owen

HATTERS

BY LUKE PETERSON
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HATTERS boss John Still says his side "trod on" their promotion rivals after a 7-0 hammering of Hereford United at Kenilworth Road yesterday.

Goals from Paul Benson, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, Jake Howells, Alex Lawless and an Andre Gray hat-trick sent Luton Town nine points clear at the top of the Skrill Premier.

In the process, Still and his men extended their unbeaten league run to 22 and sent out a serious statement of intent to their fellow title chasers.

For some, the title race is as good as over with nearest challengers Cambridge United busy with an FA Trophy semi-final yesterday.

The Hatters' superior goal difference also means their advantage at the top is essentially ten points.

"If someone is top that's the first result you look at," said Still. "It can give them a lift or it can tread on them a little bit. I think we just trod on them.

"[They were] very difficult conditions, to be fair. We were fully aware it was more difficult [in the first half].

"I was happy to play the first half a little bit contained. We went 1-0 up so I was really happy with that.

"I was delighted to be up at half time because I knew it would be a bit easier for us second half. There wasn't as much swirl going that way.

"The conditions going the other way were easier and we could get our passing and moving going and, once we got that going, we played some fantastic football. That part of our game was first class."

The moves that led to Ruddock Mpanzu's penalty award – converted by Howells – and brilliantly-taken goal were particular highlights.

The quick, incisive passing on show belied Luton's status as, for now, a Conference side

Still admitted the goals gave him great pleasure, after spending time in hospital this week.

"We work so hard with the ball in training; touch, pass, pass, move," he said. "It's great when I see it come off, it gives me a lot of pleasure.

"I was in hospital for two days and I shouldn't have come today. I should still be in but they let me out.

"I wasn't supposed to come out until tonight but, the last time I wasn't well, we won 6-0 and I didn't want to miss this one.

"Terry [Harris] and Hak [Hakan Hayrettin] kept telling me 'we won 6-0'. Well we won 7-0 today because I was here.

"I might not sound as pleased as I am. I was delighted they let me come out and it's made my day."

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